

Model Community Guidelines Restaurant

1. Practices waste reduction:
 - Use reusable dishes, glasses, utensils instead of single use disposable
 - Use cloth tablecloth and napkins vs. Paper (or napkins with recycled content for take out)
 - Serve drinks from bulk containers
 - Request that suppliers package food in reusable and/or returnable containers
 - Purchase supplies in bulk where possible
 - Use cloth towel dispenser in rest room or paper towels with recycled content
 - Reuse scrap paper (e.g. Make into note pads)
 - Reduce amount of junk mail received by writing and advising your current subscription not to share your name and address with other mailers. Also, write to Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, 11 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036
 - Request that supplier/manufacturers use as much recycled content material in packaging as possible
 - Request supplier/manufacturers to provide system to take back non-recyclable packaging
 - Serve sugar, cream, butter, and other condiments in bulk (non-individual)
 - Compost all non-meat product waste
 - Use compact florescent light bulbs where lights are on three hours or more
 - Donate surplus edible foods to charities, soup kitchen, homeless shelters, local families, if possible
 - Encourage employees to share magazines and newspaper subscriptions
 - Minimize use and seek out alternatives to toxins (such as cleaners)
 - Eliminate use of Styrofoam products (e.g. Cups and packaging)
2. Recycle as much of remaining waste as possible::
 - Set up in-house recycling program (e.g. Office paper and corrugated cardboard)
 - Return deposit containers
 - Designate an employee to oversee recycling/separation program
3. Purchase products made from recycled material::
 - Purchase office paper and administrative products made with recycled content (e.g. Paper, letterhead, paper towels, tissue paper, note pads, etc.)
 - Purchase and use at least two other items made with recycled content (e.g. Desk organizers, such as recycling bins, desk top trays, if applicable)